

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN - PRC AGREEMENT ON NIV'S

1. CANADIAN COMMISSION OFFICER HERE (CAVANAUGH-WOOD) INFORMED  
CONGEN OF DETAILS NEW AGREEMENT REACHED WITH PRC ON PROCESSING  
PROSPECTIVE NIV APPLICANTS. MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE WAS PRC  
AGREEMENT TO ALLOW INTERVIEWS OF NIV APPLICANTS IN CANTON  
PROVINCE AND PEKING MUNICIPALITY.

2. NEW CANADIAN NIV PROCEDURES FOR PRC APPLICANTS WILL WORK  
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) RELATIVE IN CANADA WILL APPLY TO LOCAL IMMIGRATION  
OFFICE ON BEHALF OF PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT FURNISHING  
NAME AND ADDRESS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

(B) PRELIMINARY APPLICATION IS FORWARDED TO CANADIAN  
COMMISSION HONG KONG WHICH CHECKS NAME AGAINST IV  
RECORDS. NAME OF APPLICANT AND APPLICATION  
FORM THEN SENT TO CTS WITH LETTER INFORMING  
THAT COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER CASE CLOSED  
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IF APPLICATION NOT ACTED UPON WITHIN NINE MONTHS.  
(THIS IS DONE BECAUSE ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION  
IS VALID ONLY FOR ONE YEAR).

(C) THOSE APPLICATIONS ACTED UPON ARE RETURNED BY  
CTS TO EMBASSY. (APPLICANTS IN  
CANTON HAVE THEIR CASES FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO

COMMISSION IN HONG KONG BY CTS KWANGTUN EQUIVALENT, KTS). EMBASSY (OR COMMISSION) WILL DECIDE WHICH CASES THEY WILL INTERVIEW. AT LEAST INITIALLY THE CANADIANS PLAN TO INTERVIEW AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

(D) NIV INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN PEKING AND CANTON IN MUCH SAME WAY AS IV APPLICANTS WITH CTS PROVIDING LISTS OF PERSONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS, ETC.

2. QUESTION OF INTERVIEWS FOR PERSONS IN OTHER AREAS OF PRC AROSE BUT IT WAS LEFT TO BE HANDLED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, WITH CANADIANS COUNTERING MFA OBJECTIONS RE DISTANCE AND INCONVENIENCE IN BRINGING PEOPLE LONG DISTANCES, WITH OFFER TO SEND CONOFFS ANYWHERE IN PRC TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS. CANADIANS CERTAIN MFA WILL NOT TAKE UP THEIR OFFER.

3. CANADIANS HOPE NEW SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE SOME BADLY NEEDED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES TO THEIR NIV PROCEDURES IN PRC REMOVING THE "AD HOCERY" OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. MOST OF ALL THEY HOPE TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE TO A MINIMUM THOSE INSTANCES WHERE EMBASSY UNEXPECTEDLY PRESENTED WITH STACK OF PASSPORTS AND NIV APPLICATIONS BY CTS AND FACED WITH SITUATION OF HAVING TO PROCESS THEM BEFORE APPLICANT'S EXIT PERMIT EXPIRES, AND THUS AVOID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING SANDBAGGED INTO ISSUING NIV'S TO OBVIOUS INTENDING IMMIGRANTS BY PRESSURE FROM RELATIVES AND THEIR MP'S IN CANADA.

4. CANADIANS INFORM US THEY HAVE YET TO PROCESS ANYONE UNDER THIS NEW SYSTEM, BUT EXPECT TO SOON. WE WILL KEEP USLO AND DEPARTMENT INFORMED.  
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